

REPUBLICANS IGNORE THE FACTS ON AMERICANS' SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY BILL

Throughout the debate on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, House Republicans have tried to use the “wishes” of the American people as an excuse for opposing critical economic recovery legislation and refusing to constructively engage with President Obama. Republicans claim that the American people do not support the economic recovery package, but the numbers prove them wrong.



Republicans Claim That Americans Do Not Support the Economic Recovery Package...

“This is not what the American people want.” – House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH), [2/06/09](#)

“The American people intuitively know this is not a good thing.” – Rep Louie Gohmert (R-TX), [2/10/09](#)

“Americans believe the stimulus is just too slow, it's too expensive and at the end of the day it's not gonna help rescue the economy.” – Rep. Kevin Brady, [2/10/09](#)

“The American people are increasingly recognizing the folly of this plan.” – Rep. Tom Price (R-GA), [2/09/09](#)

...But In Fact a Majority of Americans Do Support It

“Support for Obama’s economic recovery plan remains virtually unchanged with 60 percent of voters favoring passage. There is no evidence of eroding support.” – Democracy Corps/ Greenberg Quinlan Rosner, [2/11/09](#)

“A majority of Americans (51%) say passing a new economic stimulus plan is ‘critically important’ for improving the nation's economy, while another 29% say it is important.” – Gallup, [2/9/09](#)

According to a CNN/Opinion Research poll, a majority (54%) of the American public supports the economic recovery package. – CNN/Opinion Research Corp., [2/9/09](#)

According to a Gallup poll released on Monday, Democrats in Congress hold a 17-point advantage over Republicans on handling of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. – Gallup, [2/9/09](#)

“Three out of four poll respondents said that Obama is doing enough to cooperate with Republicans in Congress, but only 39 percent feel that congressional Republicans are cooperating enough with the president.” – CNN/Opinion Research Corp., [2/9/09](#)

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